सेब उत्पादकों को लाभप्रद मूल्य

1094. **श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हिमाचल प्रदेश में सेब का फसल बहुत अच्छी हुई है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि सेब उत्पादकों को लकड़ी के डिब्बे उचित मूल्य और पर्याप्त संख्या में उपलब्ध कराने में कठिनाई हो रही है जिससे सेब की फसल के अगाऊ सौदे कम दाम पर हो रहे हैं; और

(ग) सेब के उत्पादकों को उनको फसल का लाभकारी मूल्य दिलाने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री श्री (योगेन्द्र मकवाणा ( ) हिमाचल प्रदेश में सेब का उत्पादन पिछले वर्ष के उत्पादन से अधिक होने की सम्भावना है ।

(ख) लकड़ी के डिब्बे और गत्ते के डिब्बे काफी मात्रा में उपलब्ध हैं और सेब उत्पादकों को ये रियायती दरों पर सप्लाई किए जा रहे हैं ।

(ग) राज्य सरकार ने सेब के विपणन और परिसंस्करण के आधारीय ढांचे को सुदृढ़ किया है ताकि उत्पादकों को उनके उत्पाद के लिए लाभप्रद मूल्य मिलने में मदद मिल सके ।

Modernisation of fertiliser companies

1095. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have impressed upon the Chief Executives of fertiliser companies in the country to initiate measures for modernisation of plants and machinery and also to take remedial action to improve productivity;

(b) whether Government propose to set up a committee to look into the various aspects of the fertilizer companies ;

(c) if so, by when ; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have already constituted a Task Force to go into the working of Fertilizer Corporation of India and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation, which have been registering unsatisfactory performance for the past many years, and suggest suitable remedial measures to improve their performance.

(d) Does not arise.

Foodgrains for Rural Development Programmes

1096. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantum of foodgrains fixed for distribution under various rural development programmes in the country during the current year ;

(b) what is the foodgrain quota fixed under RLEGP, NREP and EGS in Maharshtra ; and

(c) what is the total number of people benefited in Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) (a) Distribution of foodgrains at concessional price to the people in the Integrated Tribal Development Pro-

jects (ITDP), extended coverage under nutrition programme for young children, pregnent women and nursing mothers and expansion of the coverage of the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme and National Rural Employment Programme have been taken up during the current year by allocation of additional foodgrains. An off take of 2 million tonnes of foodgrains is expected under these programmes in 1986-87.

(b) Government of Maharashtra was allocated 79,900 tonnes of free additive foodgrains under NREP and 79,900 tonnes of free additive foodgrains under RLEGP for the year 1986-87 to facilitate payment of 50 percent wages in cash and 50 percent in foodgrains. The State Government have declined the allocation of free additive foodgrains under both the programmes on account of their inability to give 50 percent wage foodgrains to the workers engaged in these programmes. Since the NREP/RLEGP guidelines provide for compulsory distribution of subsidised foodgrains at the rate of 1 kg. per capita per day, the State Government has been allocated 22,900 tonnes of foodgrains for the first two quarters of 1986-87 for distribution at subsidised rates under NREP/RLEGP the Employment Guarantees Scheme (EGS) of Maharashtra is a State Scheme and no foodgrains are allocated by the Centre for this scheme.

(c) Employment generation under Rural Employment Programmes is monitored in terms of mandays and not in terms of persons benefited. The total employment generation in Maharashtra during 1986-87 up to June' 1986 is 47.37 lakh mandays. (18.20 lakh mandays under NREP and 29.17 lakh mandays under RLEGP). The state Government have not reported any utilisation of foodgrains under these programmes so far.

Drinking water for villages

1097. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of villages proposed to be covered for the supply of drinking water in the year 1986-87, State-wise ; and

(b) what is the number of problem villages covered so far under the drinking water supply scheme in Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) : (a) A Statement is given below. *(See* below) .

(b) Position regarding coverage of problem villages in Maharashtra is as under :

(i) coverage during the Sixth Plan—12016 (including partially covered villages)

(ii) coverage during 1985-86—4099 (including partially covered villages)

(iii) coverage during 1986-87—3677 (upto June 1986) (including partially covered villages)

Statement

Sl. No.	State/Uts.	Targets
1	Andhra Pradesh	1618
2	Assam	2400